Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18, as follows:

Materials and techniques for fabrication of active metal battery cells are described, for example, in US Patent No. 5,686,201 issued to Chu on November 11, 1997. Further description of materials and techniques for fabrication of active metal battery cells having anode protective layers are described, for example, in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/139,601, filed August 25, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,214,061, issued April 10, 2001), titled ENCAPSULATED LITHIUM ALLOY ELECTRODES HAVING BARRIER LAYERS, and naming May-Ying Chu, Steven J. Visco and Lutgard C. DeJonge as inventors; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/086,665 filed May 29, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,025,094, issued May 15, 2000), titled PROTECTIVE COATINGS FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODES, and naming Steven J. Visco and May-Ying Chu as inventors; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/139,603 filed August 25, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,402,795, issued June 11, 2002), titled "PLATING METAL NEGATIVE ELECTRODES UNDER PROTECTIVE COATINGS," and naming May-Ying Chu, Steven J. Visco and Lutgard C. DeJonghe as inventors; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/139,601 filed August 25, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,214,061, issued April 10, 2001), titled "METHOD FOR FORMING ENCAPSULATED LITHIUM ELECTRODES HAVING GLASS PROTECTIVE LAYERS," and naming Steven J. Visco and Floris Y. Tsang as inventors. The active metal electrode may also be an active metal alloy electrode, as further described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/189,908 filed July 3, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,991,662, issued January 31, 2006), titled "ENCAPSULATED ALLOY ELECTRODES," and naming Steven J. Visco, Yevgeniy S. Nimon and Bruce D. Katz as inventors. The battery component materials, including anodes, cathodes, separators, protective layers, etc., and techniques disclosed therein are generally applicable to the present invention and each of these patent applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.